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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Saturday, 7 December 1996

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subject

Proposed programme budget outline for the biennium 1998-1999

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Seminar

The Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations will hold an Open-ended Seminar on Promotion of South-South Coopera-tion, chaired by H.E. Mr. Owada, Permanent Representative of Japan, *today*, 7 December, from 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. in the Trygve Lie Rooms A and B, at the U.N. Plaza Hotel. Members of delegations and Secretariat staff are invited to attend.

Monday, 9 December 1996

SECURITY COUNCIL

3.30 p.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Recommendation for the appointment of the Secretary-General of the United Nations

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-first session

GENERAL COMMITTEE

9.30 a.m. 4th meeting Conference Room 2

Adoption of the agenda of the fifty-first regular session of the General Assembly and allocation of items [8]:

(a) Request for the inclusion of an additional item submitted by a number of countries (A/51/234 and Add.1, 2, 3);

(b) Request for the inclusion of an additional item submitted by Italy (A/51/235).

10 a.m. 76th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

Law of the sea [24]:

(a) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/51/383, A/51/404 and A/51/645);

(b) Draft resolutions (A/51/L.21, A/51/L.28 and A/51/L.29).

10 a.m. informal soundings (closed) Economic and Social Council Chamber

Report of the Economic and Social Council (A/51/3 (Part II), Chapter V, Section F) (item 12)

Informal soundings *with non-governmental organizations on the question* of the participation of non-governmental organizations in all areas of the work of the United Nations will be undertaken by H.E. Mr. Ahmad Kamal (Pakistan)

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE

Informal consultations

10 a.m.-1 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 119 (Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (A/50/11/Add.2 and Corr.1))

3 p.m.-6 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 114 (Programme Planning (A/51/6 (Perspective), A/51/6 (Note), A/51/6 (fascicle), A/51/6 (Prog.9)/Rev.1, A/51/6 (Prog.11)/Rev.1, A/51/16 (Parts I and II), A/C.5/51/10 and Add.1, A/C.5/51/19, A/C.5/51/26, A/C.5/51/27, A/C.5/51/31, A/C.5/51/28 and A/C.6/51/8 and Add.1-2))

6.30 p.m.-9.30 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 116 (Programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997 (A/C.5/50/57 and Add.1, A/50/7/Add.16, A/51/7/Add.1, A/C.5/51/21 and A/51/7/Add.2))

9.30 p.m.-12.30 a.m. closed meeting Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 118 (Pattern of Conferences (A/51/32 and Add.1, A/51/125, A/51/253, A/51/268 and Corr.1, A/51/337 and A/C.5/51/22 and Add.1))

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

DISARMAMENT COMMISSION

OPEN-ENDED CONSULTATION GROUP

Informal consultations

9 a.m.-10 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 4

Informal consultations on the question of substantive agenda items for the Commission's 1997 substantive session

DISARMAMENT COMMISSION

Organizational session

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	207th meeting	Conference Room 4
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	208th meeting	Conference Room 4

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Ad Hoc Informal Open-ended Support Group to assist the Commission for Social Development in the preparations for the International Year of Older Persons in 1999 will meet on Monday, 9 December 1996, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

Items on the agenda for the meeting include an introduction on general aspects of the Year, national efforts in preparation of the Year (delegates are invited to provide inputs) and preparations by non-governmental organizations for the Year. All delegations are invited to participate.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Monday, 9 December 1996

	GROUP OF 77 *(Fifth Committee matters: item 119)*		
9.15 a.m.- 10 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8	

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Informal meeting

There will be an informal (closed) meeting on agenda item 56 (The situation in Bosnia-Herzegovina) on Monday, 12 December 1996, from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. in Conference Room D.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Tuesday, 10 December 1996

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-first session

10 a.m. 77th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

Report of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994: note by the Secretary-General transmitting the first annual report of the International Criminal Tribunal (A/51/399-S/1996/778) [59].

3 p.m. 78th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Prohibition of the development and manufacture of new types of weapons of mass destruction and new systems of such weapons: report of the Conference on Disarmament: report of the First Committee (A/51/566 and Add.1) [60].

2. Reduction of military budgets: report of the First Committee (A/51/566 and Add.2) [61].

3. The role of science and technology in the context of international security and disarmament: report of the First Committee (A/51/566 and Add.3) [63].

4. The role of science and technology in the context of international security, disarmament and other related fields: report of the First Committee (A/51/566 and Add.4) [64].

5. Amendment of the Treaty Banning Nuclear Weapon Tests in the Atmosphere, in Outer Space and under Water: report of the First Committee (A/51/566 and Add.5) [65].

6. Implementation of the comprehensive nuclear-test-ban treaty: report of the First Committee (A/51/566 and Add.6) [66].

7. Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the region of the Middle East: report of the First Committee (A/51/566 and Add.7) [67].

8. Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in South Asia: report of the First Committee (A/51/566 and Add.8) [68].

9. Conclusion of effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons: report of the First Committee (A/51/566 and Add.9) [69].

10. Prevention of an arms race in outer space: report of the First Committee (A/51/566 and Add.10) [70].

11. General and complete disarmament: report of the First Committee (A/51/566 and Add.11*) [71].

12. Review and implementation of the Concluding Document of the Twelfth Special Session of the General Assembly: report of the First Committee (A/51/566 and Add.12) [72].

13. Review of the implementation of the recommendations and decisions adopted by the General Assembly at its tenth special session: report of the First Committee (A/51/566 and Add.13) [73].

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* To be issued.

14. The risk of nuclear proliferation in the Middle East: report of the First Committee (A/51/566 and Add.14) [74].

15. Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May be Deemed to be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects: report of the First Committee (A/51/566 and Add.15) [75].

16. Strengthening of security and cooperation in the Mediterranean region: report of the First Committee (A/51/566 and Add.16) [76].

17. Implementation of the Declaration of the Indian Ocean as a Zone of Peace: report of the First Committee (A/51/566 and Add.17 and Corr.1*) [77].

18. Consolidation of the regime established by the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean (Treaty of Tlatelolco): report of the First Committee (A/51/566 and Add.18) [78].

19. African Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone Treaty: report of the First Committee (A/51/566 and Add.19) [79].

20. Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction: report of the First Committee (A/51/566 and Add.20) [80].

21. Review of the implementation of the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security: report of the First Committee (A/51/566 and Add.21) [81].

22. Question of Antarctica: report of the First Committee (A/51/567) [62].

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* To be issued.

Committees

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FIFTH COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	38th meeting	Conference Room 3
	Informal consultations	
10 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5
Afternoon*	closed meeting	Conference Room 5
6.30 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5
9.30 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

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* Following the adjournment of the 38th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS

Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development (item 45)

Informal consultations on the draft resolution to be submitted under agenda item 45 (Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development) will be held on Tuesday, 10 December 1996, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

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INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS

Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance (item 21)

Delegations are reminded that informal consultations on the outstanding draft proposals under item 21 and all its sub-items will be conducted by H.E. Dr. Ernst Sucharipa (Austria) on Tuesday, 10 December 1996, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

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INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS

Report of the Economic and Social Council (A/51/3 (Part II), Chapter V, Section F) (item 12)

Informal soundings on the question of the participation of non-governmental organizations in all areas of the work of the United Nations will be undertaken by H.E. Mr. Ahmad Kamal (Pakistan) on Wednesday, 11 December 1996, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 8. The meeting will be closed.

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The tenth session of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee for the Elaboration of an International Convention to Combat Desertification in those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa, will be held in New York from 6 to 17 January 1997. The provisional agenda and proposed organization of work for the session are contained in document A/CONF.241/62.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

There will be a meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics of the Economic and Social Council, under the Chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Ahmed Kamal, Permanent Representative of Pakistan, on Tuesday, 10 December 1996, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room S-2127A.

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Executive Board of UNDP and of UNFPA

The seventh meeting of the ad hoc open-ended working group on rules of procedure of the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and the United Nations Population Fund will be held on Tuesday, 10 December 1996, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

The Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund will hold pre-session informal consultations on all matters before the first regular session 1997 on Tuesday, 17 December 1996, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

The first regular session 1997 of the Executive Board of UNDP and UNFPA will be held from 13 to 17 January 1997 in Conference Room 3. The provisional agenda, annotations, list of documents and work plan are contained in document DP/1997/L.1. Delegations, as well as observers, are requested to fax their credentials to the Secretariat of the Executive Board (906-5776) as soon as possible, but no later than 2 January 1997.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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The Group of 77 will hold a meeting *(Fifth Committee matters)* on Tuesday, 10 December 1996, at 9.15 a.m. in Conference Room 5.

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The Group of 77 of the Whole will hold meetings *(at the ambassadorial level)* on the preparation of the South-South Conference on Finance, Trade and Investment on 10, 11, 12 and 13 December 1996 in the morning and in the afternoon in Conference Room 1.

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Presentation

The Society for International Development and the Office of Development Studies of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) have organized a presentation where H.E. Ambassador Dr. Ernst Sucharipa, Permanent Representative of Austria to the United Nations, will speak on the topic of "An Integrated Follow-Up to United Nations Conferences: A Human Rights Perspective." The lecture will take place on Thursday, 12 December 1996, at 5.30 p.m. in the Hank Shannon Conference Room (DC1 21st floor). All members of Permanent Missions, Secretariat Staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and media are invited to attend.

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Announcement

As from 4 December 1996, and for the rest of the month, there will be an informal briefing at 3 p.m., in the Press Briefing Room S-226, by the Presidency of the Security Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council on those days when consultations of the whole are scheduled in the morning.

SUMMARY OF SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Friday, 6 December 1996

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-first session

75th plenary meeting

Support by the United Nations system of the efforts of Governments to promote and consolidate new or restored democracies [41]

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/51/512)

(b) Draft resolution (A/51/L.20/Rev.1)

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/51/L.20/Rev.1 (resolution 51/31).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 41.

Implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s [44]

(a) Report of the Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole of the General Assembly for the Mid-term Review of the Implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s (A/51/48)

(b) Report of the Secretary-General (A/51/228 and Add.1)

(c) Draft resolution (A/51/L.31)

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/51/L.31 (resolution 51/32).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 44.

Proclamation of 7 December as International Civil Aviation Day: draft resolution (A/51/L.42) [162]

The representative of Canada made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/51/L.42.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/51/L.42 (resolution 51/33).

The representative of the United Kingdom made a statement in explanation of vote.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 162.

Advancement of women [103]: *observance of the International Day for the Abolition of Slavery: discussion of the problem of trafficking in human persons, especially women and children.*

The President made a statement.

The Secretary-General made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Congo (on behalf of the African States), Mexico (on behalf of the Latin American and Caribbean States), the United States, Ireland (on behalf of the European Union and of Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Iceland, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovenia and Slovakia), the Philippines, Mongolia (on behalf of the Asian States), Her Excellency Mrs. Carme Sala Sansa, Minister of Education, Youth and Sports of Andorra, by the representatives of Belgium, Canada, Norway and Jamaica.

Programme of work

The General Assembly will consider the reports of the Main Committees as follows:

First Committee: Tuesday, 10 December, in the afternoon.

Third Committee: Thursday, 12 December, in the afternoon.

Fourth Committee: Friday, 13 December, in the morning.

Sixth Committee: Monday, 16 December, in the morning.

Second Committee: Monday, 16 December, in the afternoon.

On Friday, 13 December, in the morning, the Assembly will also consider agenda item 19 (Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples).

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE 37th meeting

United Nations Common System [121]

United Nations Pension System [122]

The Committee continued its consideration of this item.

Statements were made by the representatives of Sierra Leone, the United States, the Russian Federation, Australia, Guyana, Ukraine, the Bahamas, Colombia and Latvia.

Human Resources Management [120]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The Assistant Secretary-General for Human Resources Management introduced the report of the Secretary-General.

Statements were made by the representatives the Russian Federation, Germany, the United States, Japan, New Zealand and Egypt.

The Assistant Secretary-General for Human Resources Management responded to questions posed.

Financing of the United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina [153]

The Committee continued its consideration of this item.

The representative of Armenia introduced draft resolution A/C.5/51/L.12.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

A statement in explanation of position was made by the representative of Germany.

The Committee thus concluded this stage of its consideration of this agenda item.

Financing of the United Nations Transition Administration for Eastern Slavonia, Baranja and Western Sirmium [154]

The Committee continued its consideration of this item.

The representative of Armenia introduced draft resolution A/C.5/51/L.11.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

A statement in explanation of position was made by the representative of Germany.

The Committee thus concluded this stage of its consideration of this agenda item.

Financing of the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force [155]

The Committee continued its consideration of this item.

The representative of Armenia introduced draft resolution A/C.5/51/L.13.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

A statement in explanation of position was made by the representative of Germany.

The Committee thus concluded this stage of its consideration of this agenda item.

Organization of work

Statements were made by the representatives of France, Egypt, Algeria, Costa Rica (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Zimbabwe, Cuba, Ireland (on behalf of the European Union) and mexico as well as by the Chairman.

The Chairman as well as the Secretary of the Committee made statements.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC,
SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS
Fifteenth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

FRIDAY, 6 DECEMBER 1996

55th meeting

Consideration of reports submitted by States parties in accordance with article 16 of the Covenant [4]

The Committee concluded, in closed session, its consideration of the report of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland in respect to Hong Kong (E/1994/104/Add.10).

Organzation of work [2]

The Committee discussed various issues relating to its organization of work.

Adoption of the report [9]

The Committee adopted its annual report to the Economic and Social Council.

Closure of the session

The Chairman declared closed the fiftteenth session of the Committee.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations on 10 December 1984

Accession: Honduras (5 December 1996)*

* The date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Human Rights Day Observance

In observance of Human Rights Day, two panel discussions will take place on Thursday, 12 December 1996 in Conference Room 4. Ms. Charlayne Hunter-Gault, National Correspondent for "News Hour with Jim Lehrer" (PBS), will moderate.

The Secretary-General, Mr. Boutros Boutros-Ghali, will deliver opening remarks at 10 a.m., followed by a panel on "Accountability and Impunity in Civil Strife". The second panel on "The Right to Development: Is Poverty An Abuse of Human Rights?" will start at 3 p.m.

Members of delegations, Secretariat staff, non-governemental organizations and the media are invited to attend.The programme is organized by the Department of Public Information in cooperation with the Centre for Human Rights.

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International Day of Disabled Persons

Exhibition

The Department for Public Information, in collaboration with the American Foundation for the Blind, has organized an exhibition entitled "Inspiration and Innovation: Helen Keller and the American Foundation for the Blind", to run until 31 December in the Public Lobby.

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Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of December has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Congo
H.E. Mr. Daniel Abibi

Asian States:
Mongolia
H.E. Mr. Jargalsaikhany Enkhsaikhan

Eastern European States:
Poland
H.E. Mr. Zbigniew Wlosowicz

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Mexico
H.E. Mr. Manuel Tello

Western European and Other States:
Canada
H.E. Mr. Robert R. Fowler

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